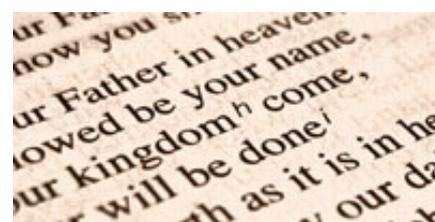


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In human terms, our politicians are still facing important and far-reaching decisions about NHS reform, the future of the House of Lords, immigration, sex education in schools, and so on. For us as Christians, the significance of some of these matters is spiritual. The very things that seem to be constantly under attack have their roots in the Judeo-Christian heritage of this nation. Who but the devil himself could ultimately be behind attempts to undermine the family as the basis of society?



As we approach Parliament's summer recess we would do well to remember that our leaders do not simply stop work for several weeks! Most of them will be busy in their constituencies and so on, and situations in the nation and the world will not give them much rest. It would be good to pray for them in their personal and family needs, that they will have time to find real refreshment.

Some major issues we could usefully pray into are below. Scriptures and model prayers offered may help us to get started.

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### Weekly Prayer

### The Royal Family



The recent Royal Wedding was so clearly a Christian celebration, and the Gospel of Jesus was clearly proclaimed, in the Bishop of London's address, the hymns and anthems, the prayer composed by the happy couple, and the very service itself. Let's thank God for this powerful opportunity to remind the millions who watched around the world that this nation is founded on a rich Judeo-Christian heritage, and to declare the Lordship of the risen Jesus! Let's continue to pray for our Queen and Prince Philip, thanking

God for their good health and for the example of long and faithful marriage that they give us all.

#### 1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NIV)

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

**A Prayer:** King Jesus, we thank You for our Queen, for her faithful service of this nation and her sure faith in You. We thank You for Prince Philip and for their long marriage. We thank You that marriage was so strongly affirmed at the recent Royal Wedding. We pray for our Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and all the Royal Family. Continue to preserve and protect them all; in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Meeting

### Prayer for Parliament and the Nation

We meet on Tuesday nights in the The Chapel at Methodist Central Hall, near parliament square to pray for parliament, and our nation's leaders. Please come join us.

### Weekly Prayer Meeting

Every Tuesday  
From 6pm  
The Chapel, Methodist Central Hall, Westminster



## Peace on the Island of Ireland

The recent visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Eire was a truly significant event. The Queen did so much to bring healing and reconciliation to the troubled relationship between our two nations. Thank God for her boldness and wisdom! Sadly there are still those who refuse to be at peace - probably a relatively small number, but capable of bringing or renewing unrest. Pray for genuine peace to break out - peace that will last! Pray also that the Holy Spirit will inspire a revival of the Christian church and that the healing and redemptive blood of Jesus would bring true peace for individuals and communities.

**A Prayer:** Lord, Your Word says in Proverbs 29:22 that "An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins." Bring peace to the hearts of the angry! In Proverbs 10:12 it says, "Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs." Lord, in Your mercy, let Your love, which You have poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, be stirred within the hearts of all in Ireland so that there might be a healing of relationships in Northern Ireland and good neighbourliness between both parts of the island. In Jesus' name. Amen.



## Threats to our Food Supply

The serious lack of rain has caused great concern to farmers in East Anglia and other parts of the UK. Other changes in our weather patterns are causing anxiety; so is the plight of dairy farmers who receive poor returns for their labours. The whole international food market is in some degree of turmoil, with increasing demand from developing countries, pressures to produce bio-fuel instead of food, and even speculation involving storing food against the possibility of selling at a higher price.

**Psalm 72:4 (NKJV):**  
*He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor.*

**A Prayer:** Lord God, merciful Father, Your Word makes it clear that You are able to control weather, even to cause it to rain on one town and withhold it from another (Amos 4:7). Have mercy on this nation, we pray. "In wrath remember mercy" (Habakkuk 3:2), for Jesus' sake.



## Reform of the NHS, Care for the Elderly and Vulnerable.

The Government is still wrestling with the need to reform the NHS, on one hand in part on economic grounds, and on the other to provide improving help for growing numbers with increasing needs. In the midst of this, shocking stories have emerged about abuse and lapses in care in homes for the elderly and vulnerable. Wisdom and a firm touch are needed!

**Psalm 82:3-4 (NKJV)**  
*Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; free them from the hand of the wicked.*

**A Prayer:** Oh Lord God, Father of the fatherless, in Your mercy bring justice to the poor, sick and needy in our nation. Grant wisdom to those who run the NHS, and to those who care for the elderly and vulnerable. Grant them compassion and patience. In Jesus' name. Amen.



## Unrest in the Middle East

The media talk much about the 'Arab Spring:' to many it seems more like an Arab Autumn, darkening into a 'winter of discontent!' Somalia, Egypt, Bahrain, Libya, Yemen, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia have all known unrest recently. Many Western pundits say the cry is for democracy but this may be a false assessment - there are factions and organisations that already divide many of these countries. Without strong leadership things could quickly get worse! A common feature of many Muslim nations is a desire to see Israel

shrunk beyond the possibility of surviving, or even driven out of existence. Whatever we may feel about Israel's actions and reactions (to a real threat of invasion on the Golan Heights, for example), God has made it clear that trouble will come if nations seek to divide up 'His Land'!

**Joel 3:2 (NIV)**

*"I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land."*

**Zechariah 12:2-3 (NIV)**

*"I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves."*

**A Prayer:** Lord, God of Israel, may Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven! Grant wisdom and boldness to the nations' leaders. Open the eyes of all who are deceived, and be merciful to all who would dare to withstand Your will and purposes. In Jesus' name. Amen.



## The Need for Strong and Sound Leadership

There are many voices appearing to represent 'the Church', often expressing views that are so different that the people are confused! Issues of inter-faith dialogue and multi-faith worship can muddle the picture and lead to deception and complacency. Even our political leaders have yet to fully restore the trust of the people so that they too can offer clear and authoritative leadership. Much prayer is needed for clarity and certainty.

**1 King 3:9 (NIV)**

*So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?*

**Isaiah 40:8 (NKJV)**

*"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever."*

**A Prayer:** Lord God, by Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, cause the leaders of this nation and of the Church to see and grasp the Truth of Your Word, and grant them the ability and opportunity to communicate Your truth to the people with clarity and authority. Amen.

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